

61. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 60, wherein said arm includes plural engaging members for selective engagement of said cables to lengthen or shorten the effective length of the cables.

62. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 60, wherein said plural engaging members comprise slots and wherein said cables carry keeper members adapted to fit in one of said slots.

63. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 60, wherein said tension arm comprises an adjustable threaded member connected to said cables, wherein adjustment of said threaded member alters the effective length of said cables for altering the forward lean of the boot.

64. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 63, wherein said adjustable threaded member is in threaded engagement with a pulley and adjustment of said threaded member alters the position of said pulley, said pulley receiving said cables thereon, thereby altering the effective length of said cables.

Subj 65: 65. (Amended) A boot comprising:
a flexible highback portion located at the rear of the boot;
medial and lateral side cable members on the boot for urging the highback portion forwardly along medial and lateral sides thereof, wherein said medial and lateral side cable members attach to a front portion of the boot at a region thereon.

66. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said region comprises first and second locations that are within 2 inches of each other.

67. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said region comprises first and second locations that are within 1 inch of each other.

Subj 67 68: 68. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said region comprises first and second locations that are substantially adjacent each other.

69. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said region comprises a substantially single position.

70. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 69, wherein said single position comprises a pulley member attached to a front portion of the boot.

71. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 70, further comprising means for adjusting the relative position of said pulley member on the front portion of the boot.

72. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, wherein said medial and lateral side cable members comprise portions of a continuous cable and wherein said cable loops back from the medial side to the lateral side of the boot around a loop back member at a front portion of the boot.

73. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, further comprising means for altering the location of said single position on the front of said boot.

75. (Amended) A snowboard boot according to Claim 74, wherein said ankle strap further comprises a lace receiving portion for receiving a lace of the boot therethrough, for securing said ankle strap to the snowboard boot.

76. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 65, further comprising a calf plate pivotally attached to the highback portion.

77. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 76, wherein the calf plate includes reinforcing ribs.

78. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 76, wherein the highback portion includes a first and second member pivotally connected to each other.

79. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 76, wherein the highback portion is laterally and medially adjustable.

80. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 79, wherein the highback portion includes fasteners received within slots to allow lateral and medial movement.